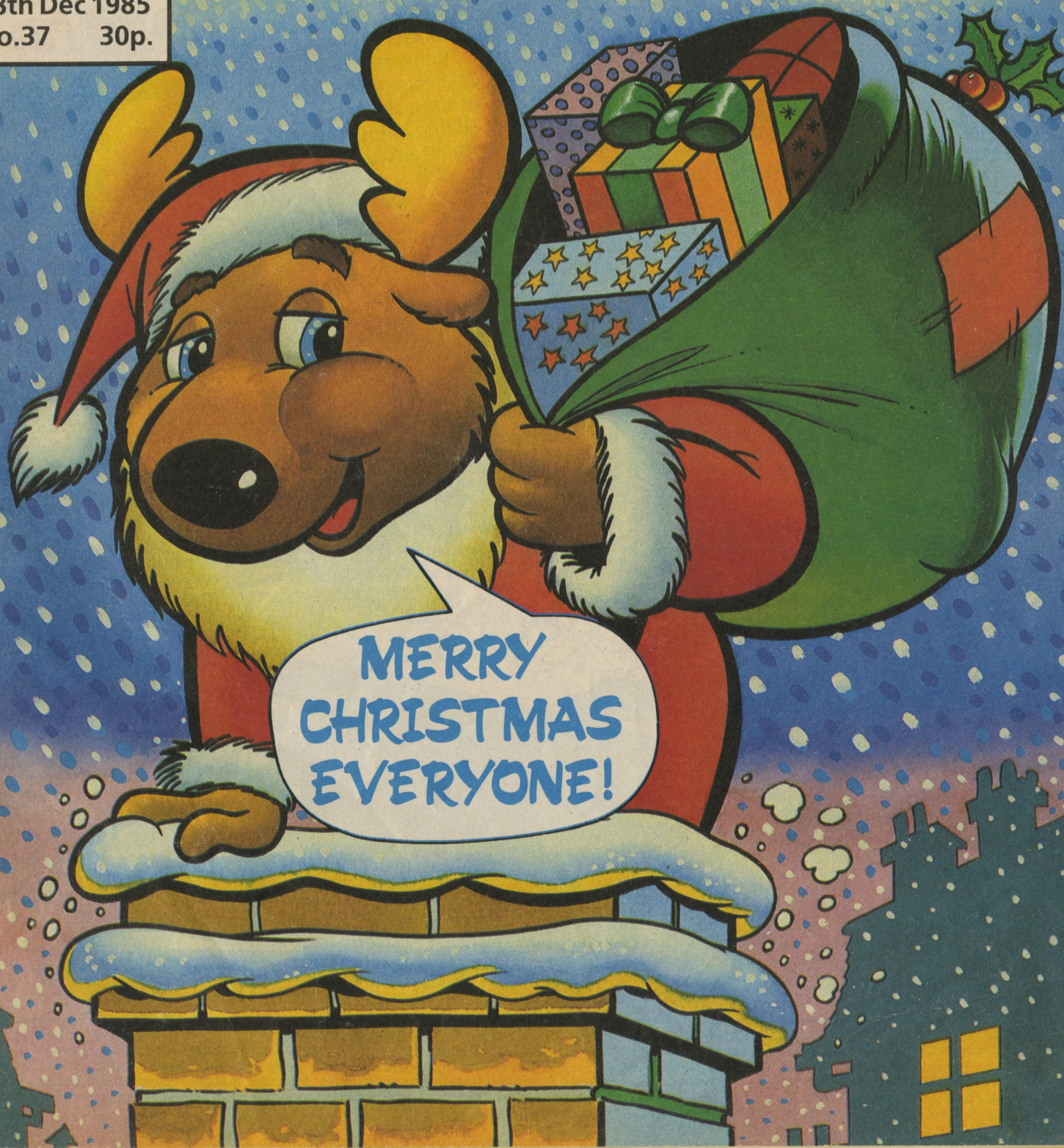


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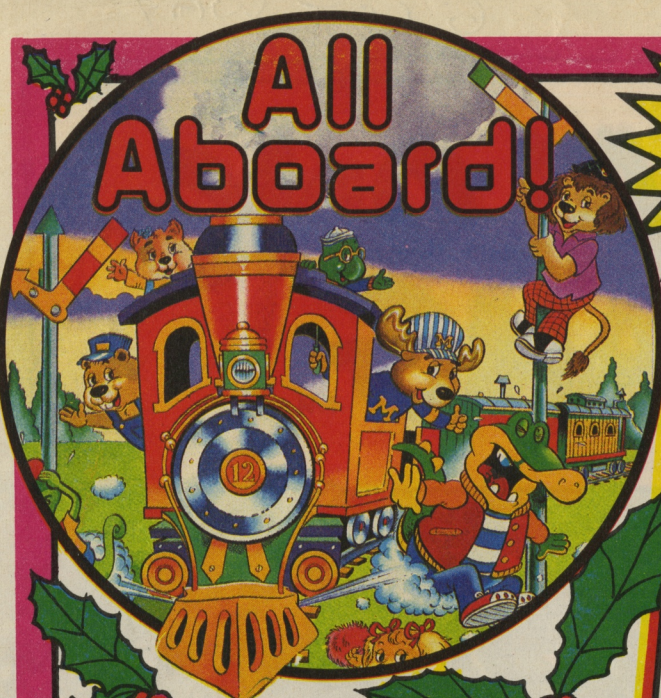
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GET ALONG GANG™



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!

All Aboard!



GANG PROJECT

EGG-BOX BELLS!

Have you ever tried making bells for your Christmas tree out of an egg-box? This is what you do: Find an empty egg-box, the cardboard ones are best. Ask a grown-up to cut out the hollows where the eggs sat. Now it's up to you to cover your bell shapes with prettily-coloured foil or silver paper. Just bend the silver paper round each egg shape—you don't need glue! Now—how about sticking on some stars or glitter? Finally, poke a small hole through the top of each of your bells, and thread some cotton through it! Attach a ball of silver paper to the end of the thread and make a knot higher up so that the thread will stay in the right place. The rest of the thread can be used to wrap round a branch of your Christmas tree. Why not hang two or three bells together?



HI GANG!

Montgomery here with more news about another great issue of the **Get Along Gang** comic. It's a lovely, glittery Christmas one! Zipper's run off to find some holly, Portia and Dotty are wrapping up presents and Woolma has made herself some earrings out of Christmas tree baubles. The rest of the gang are chopping up logs of wood to take round to anyone who might be feeling cold. Bingo's taking some of his special Beaver Butterscotch too! Well, I'd better go and lend a hand, just as soon as I've unwound all this yellow tinsel from my antlers! Just wait until I catch that croc!

Montgomery

Read on

If you would like a birthday request in your favourite comic, then please write in on a postcard marked "Birthday Requests", no later than 7 weeks in advance to:
BIRTHDAY REQUESTS,
Get Along Gang,
Marvel Comics,
23 Redan Place,
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SEE A GET ALONG GANG SHOW... FREE!

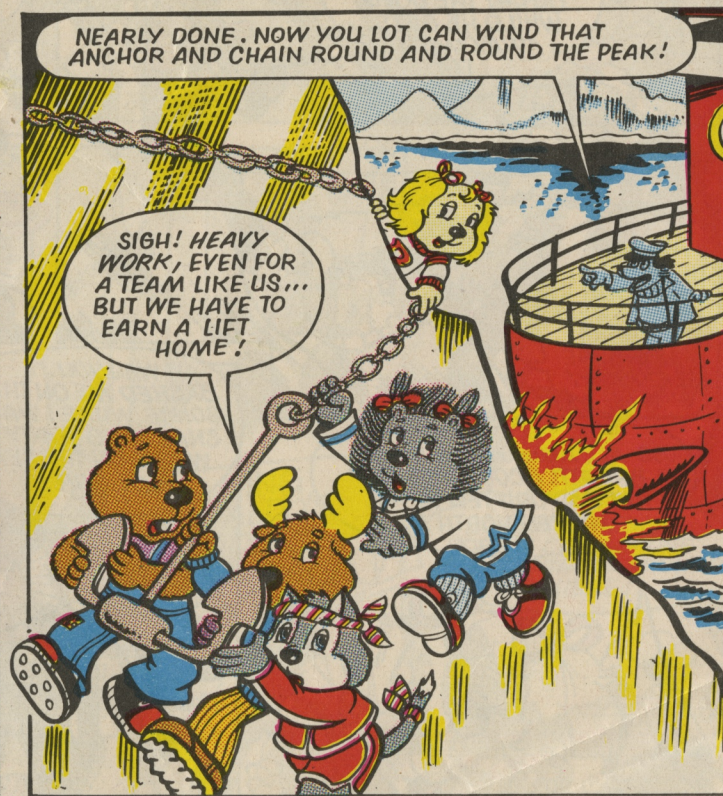
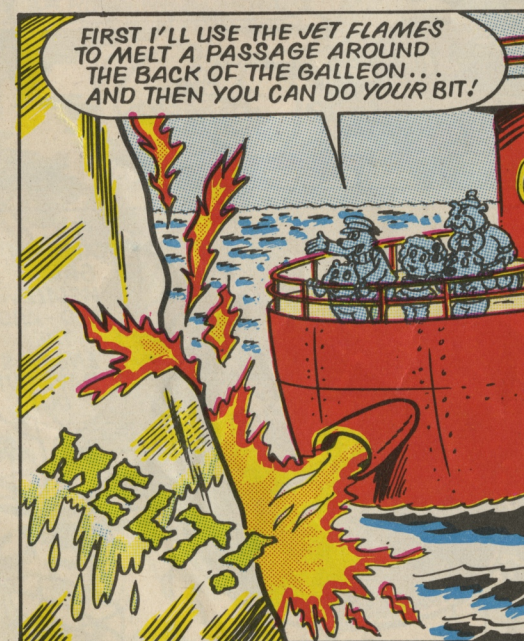
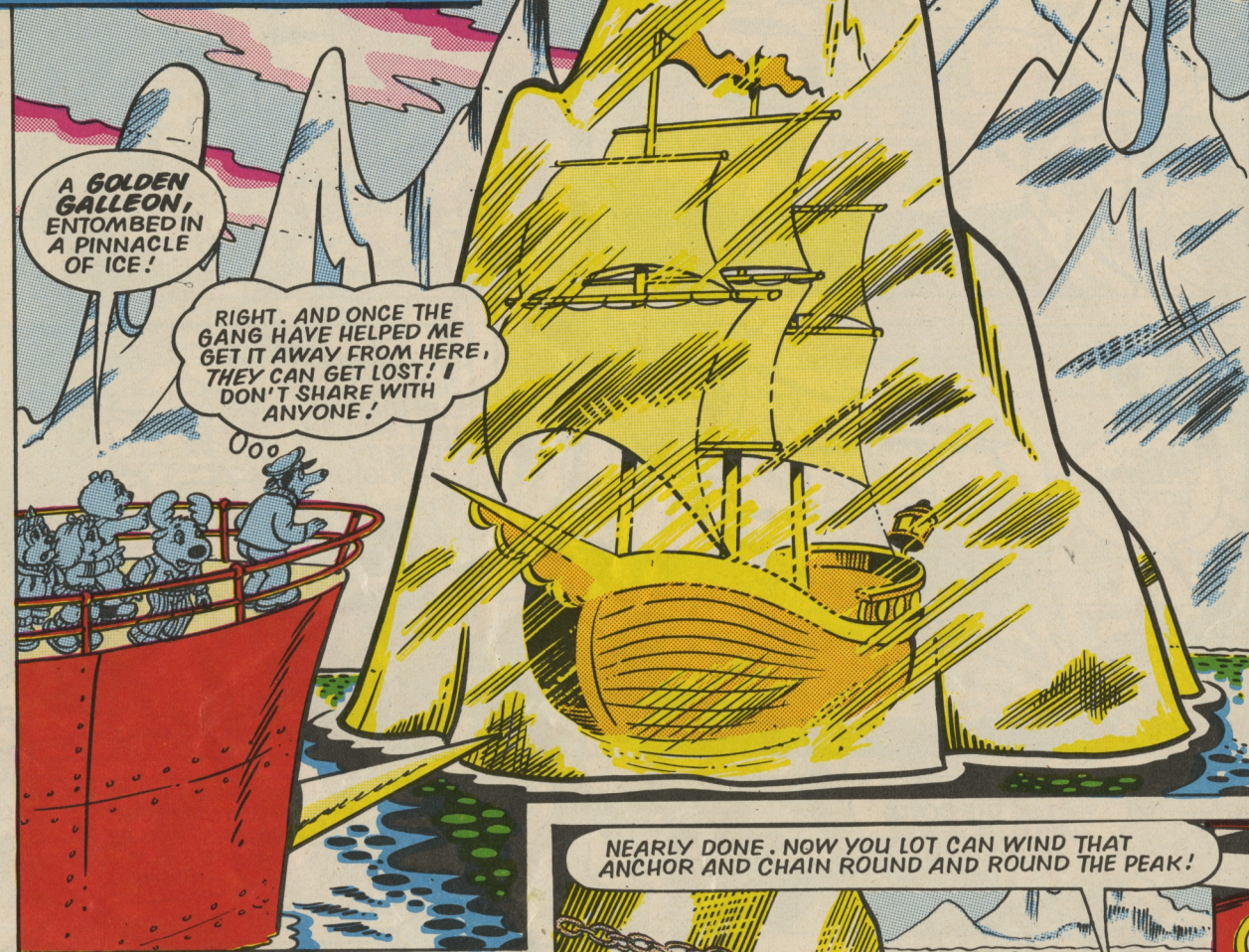
The Children's Theatre Company of London are putting on a 1½ hour musical featuring the **Get Along Gang** on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of January, 1986. The times are: 2.30 pm on the 2nd, 2.30 and 7.30 on the 3rd and 2.30 on the 4th.

Free admission for children and their parents if you take along this comic. The show is being held at the Inner London Education Authority Theatre, adjacent to Norwood Girls School, Crown Dale, London SE19. To get there Buses—26 and 137 stop outside, 68 stops 2 minutes away. Nearest tube—Brixton.

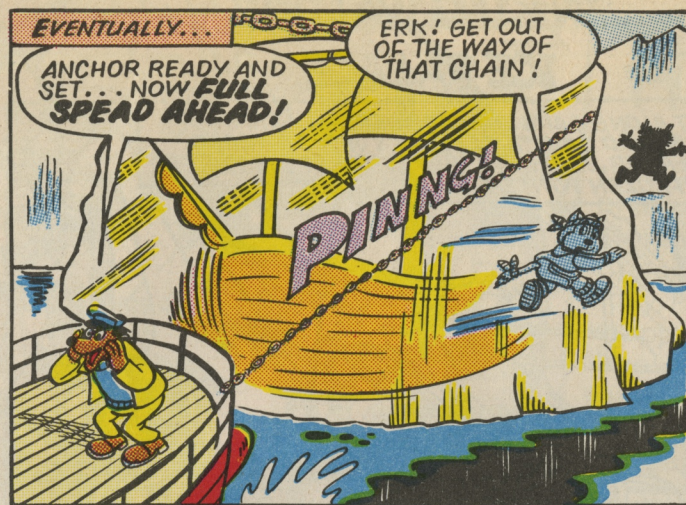
GET ALONG GANG

...IN KING WALDO'S ICE PALACE

THE GET ALONG GANG HAD ACCIDENTALLY STOWED AWAY ABOARD SAUL T. SEEDOG'S JET-POWERED ICE BREAKER. AND NOW THEY WERE IN THE WATERS OF THE FROZEN WINTER-LAND...

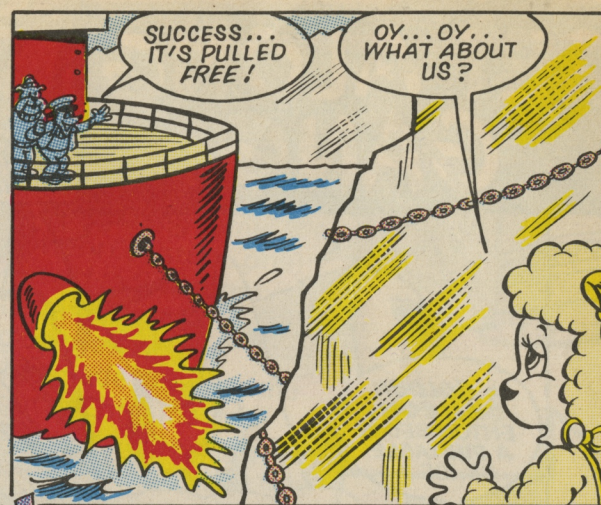


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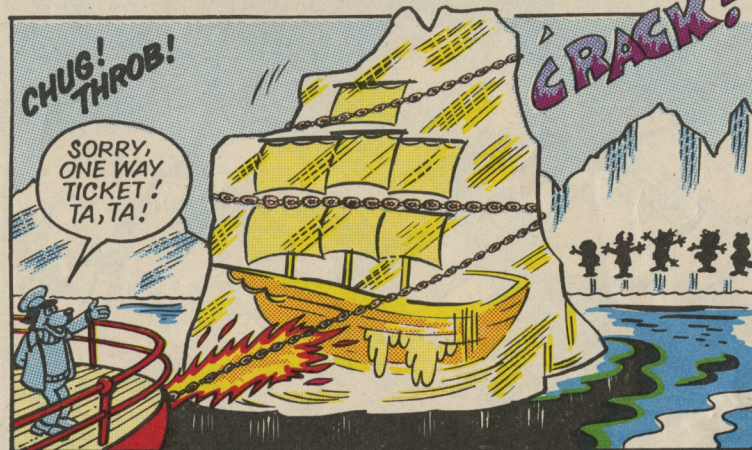


EVENTUALLY...
ANCHOR READY AND SET... NOW **FULL SPEED AHEAD!**

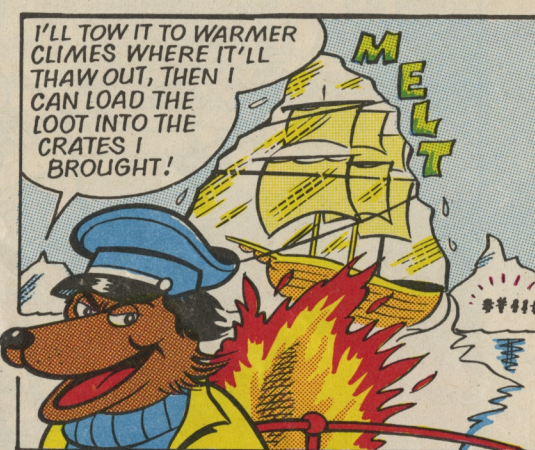
ERK! GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THAT CHAIN!



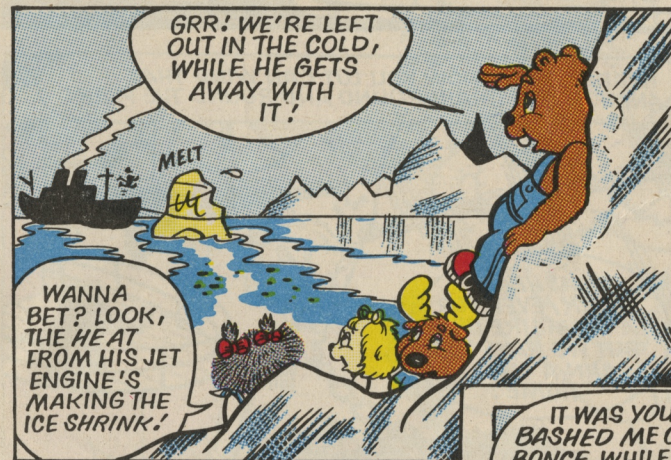
SUCCESS... IT'S PULLED FREE!
OY... OY... WHAT ABOUT US?



CHUG! THROB!
SORRY, ONE WAY TICKET! TA, TA!



I'LL TOW IT TO WARMER CLIMES WHERE IT'LL THAW OUT, THEN I CAN LOAD THE LOOT INTO THE CRATES I BROUGHT!



GRR! WE'RE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD, WHILE HE GETS AWAY WITH IT!

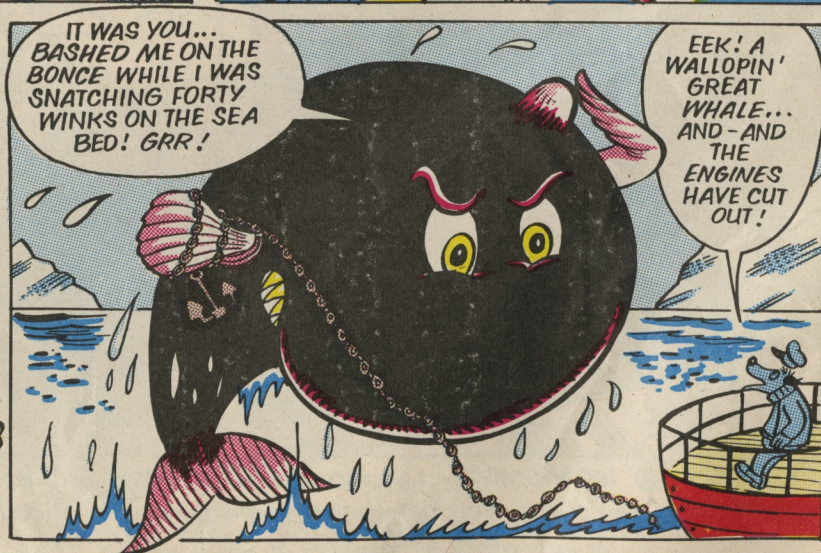
WANNA BET? LOOK, THE HEAT FROM HIS JET ENGINE'S MAKING THE ICE SHRINK!



HUH? THE GALLEON IT'S SHRUNK!
NOT REALLY, IT'S THE ICE IN CERTAIN LIGHTS IT CAN MAGNIFY OBJECTS... MAKE THEM LOOK BIGGER!



SO ALL ALONG IT WAS JUST A BRIGHTLY COLOURED TOY THAT HAD DRIFTED TO THE FROZEN NORTH!



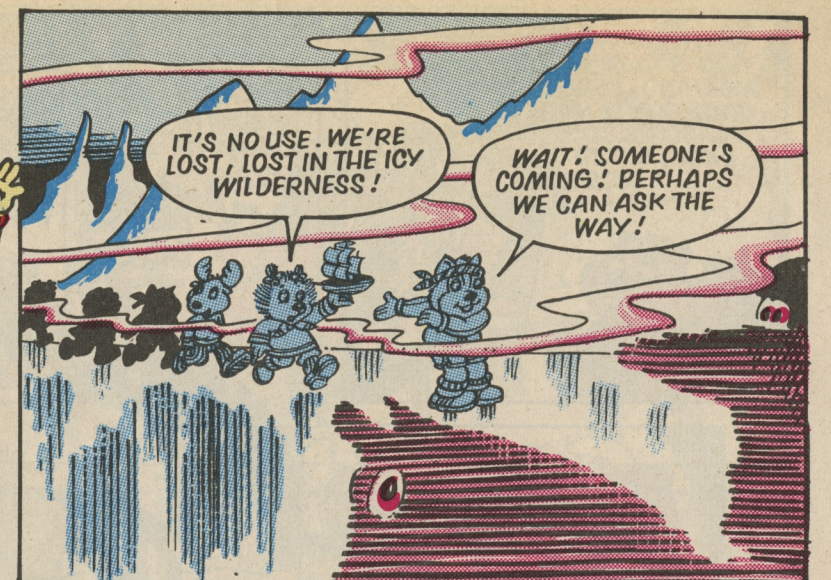
IT WAS YOU... BASHED ME ON THE BONCE WHILE I WAS SNATCHING FORTY WINKS ON THE SEA BED! GRR!

EKK! A WALLOPIN' GREAT WHALE... AND - AND THE ENGINES HAVE CUT OUT!

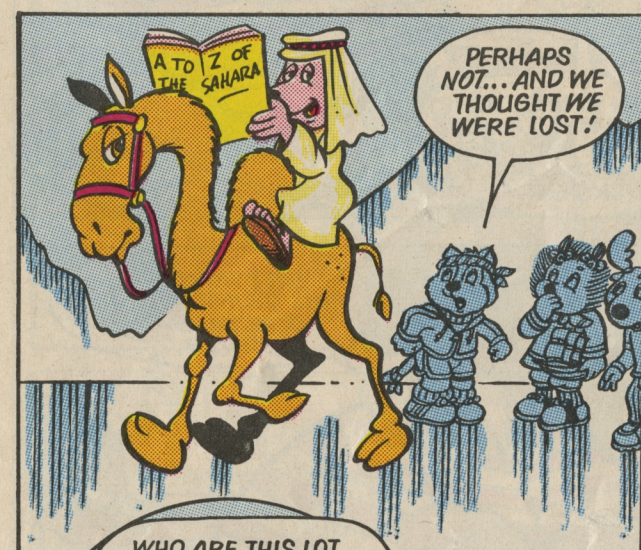


WELL, WE CAN'T GET BACK BY SEA. ALL IN FAVOUR OF HEADING INLAND FOR HELP!

AYE! AYE!



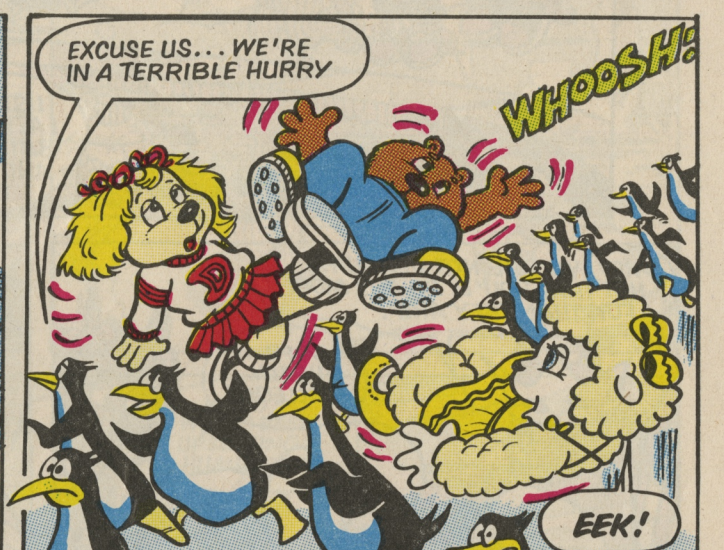
IT'S NO USE. WE'RE LOST, LOST IN THE ICY WILDERNESS!
WAIT! SOMEONE'S COMING! PERHAPS WE CAN ASK THE WAY!



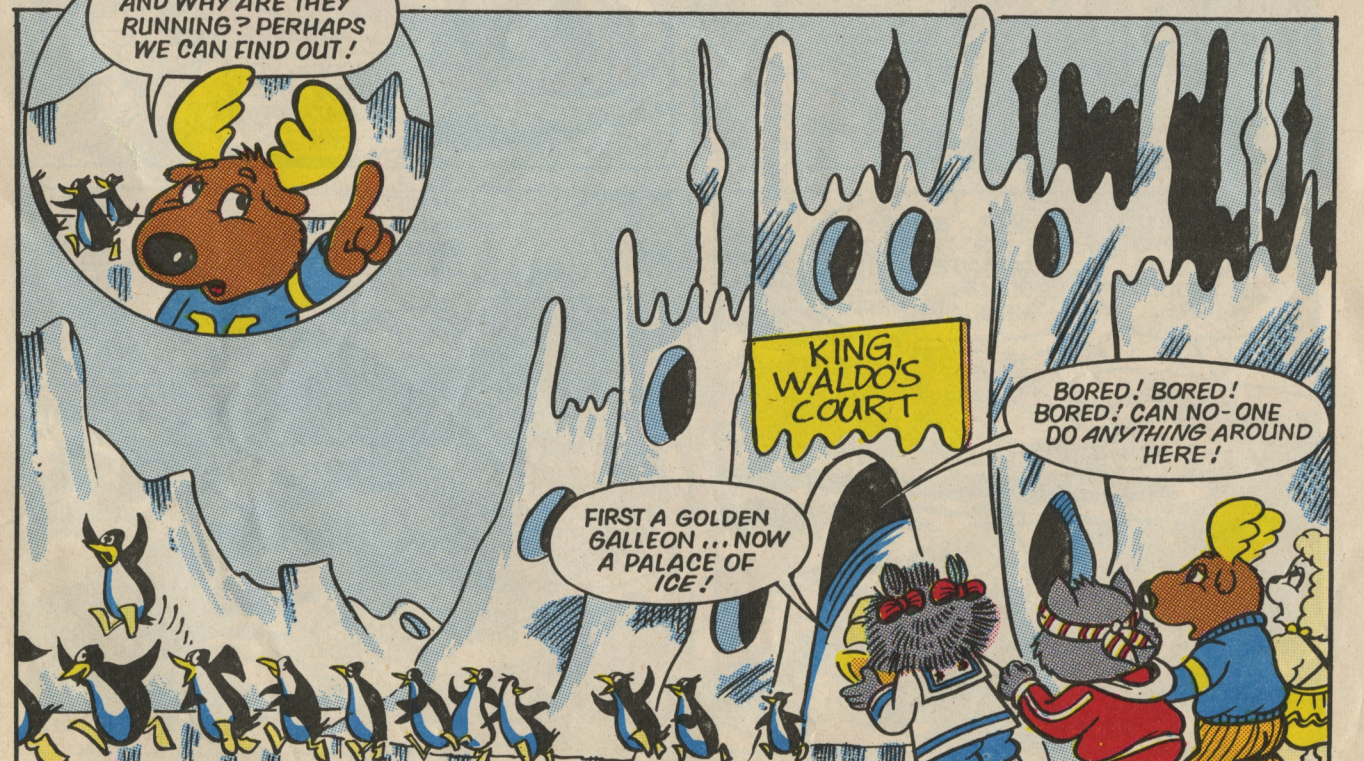
PERHAPS NOT... AND WE THOUGHT WE WERE LOST!



WHO ARE THIS LOT... AND WHY ARE THEY RUNNING? PERHAPS WE CAN FIND OUT!



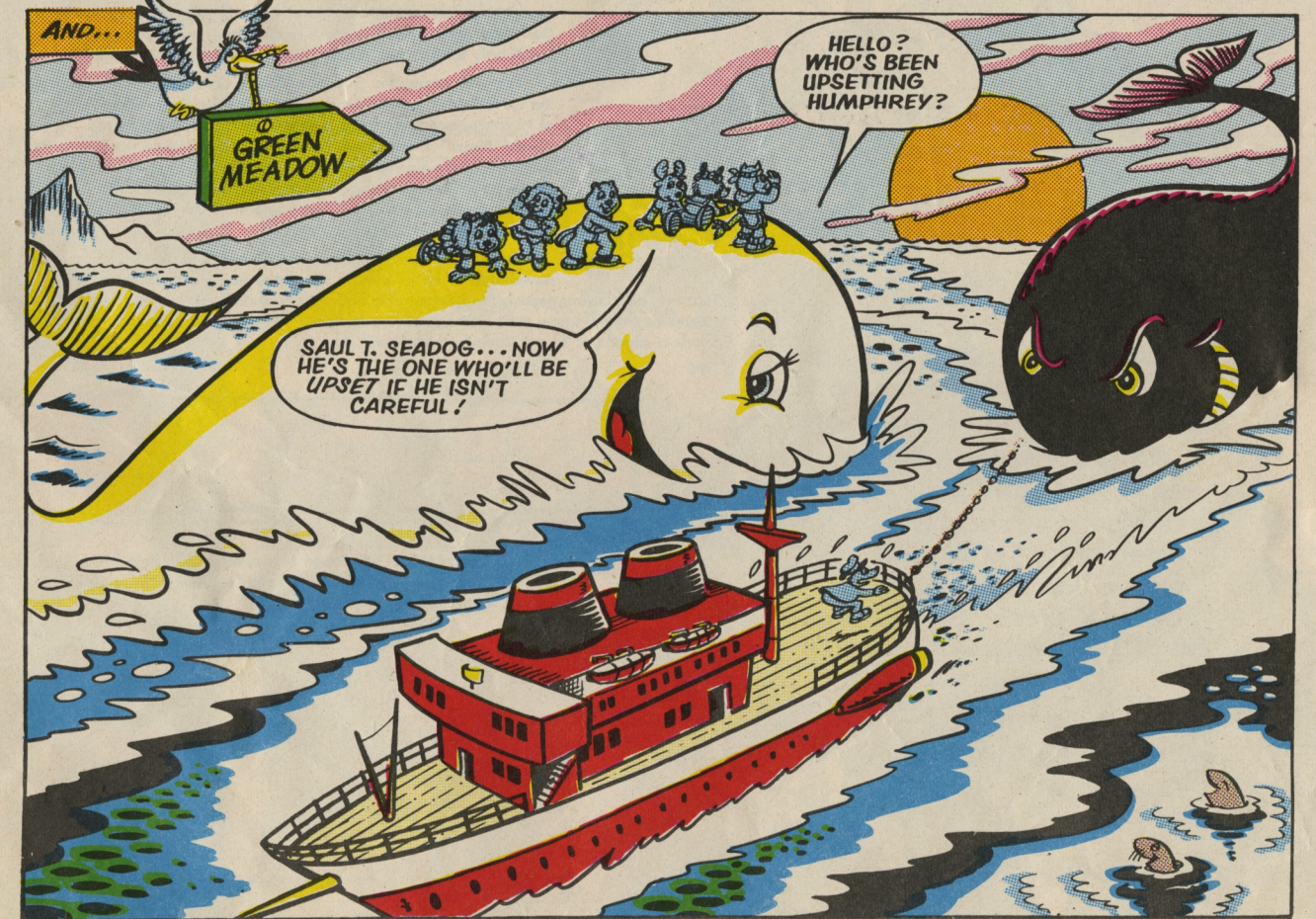
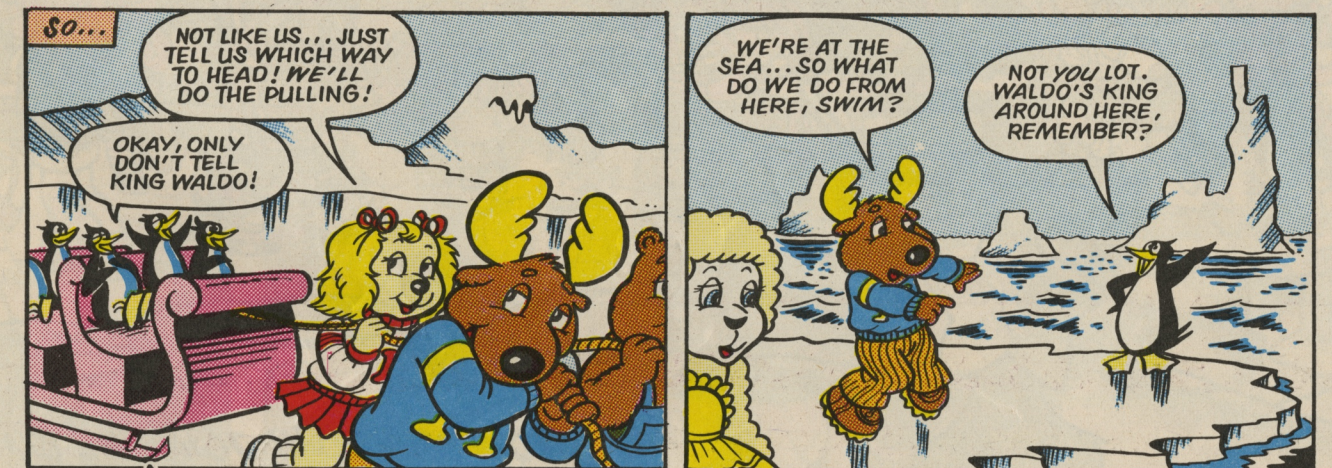
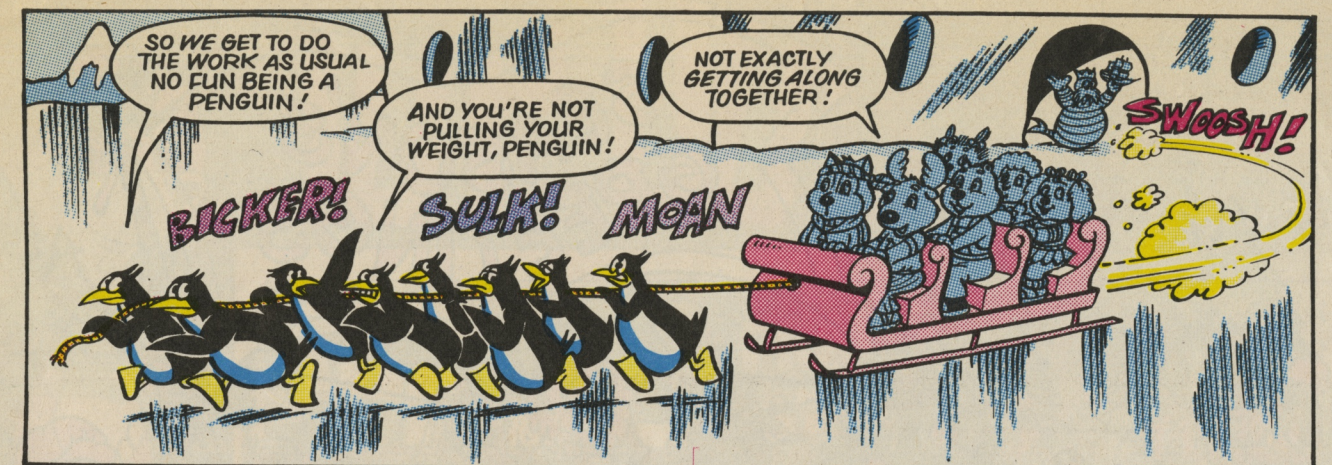
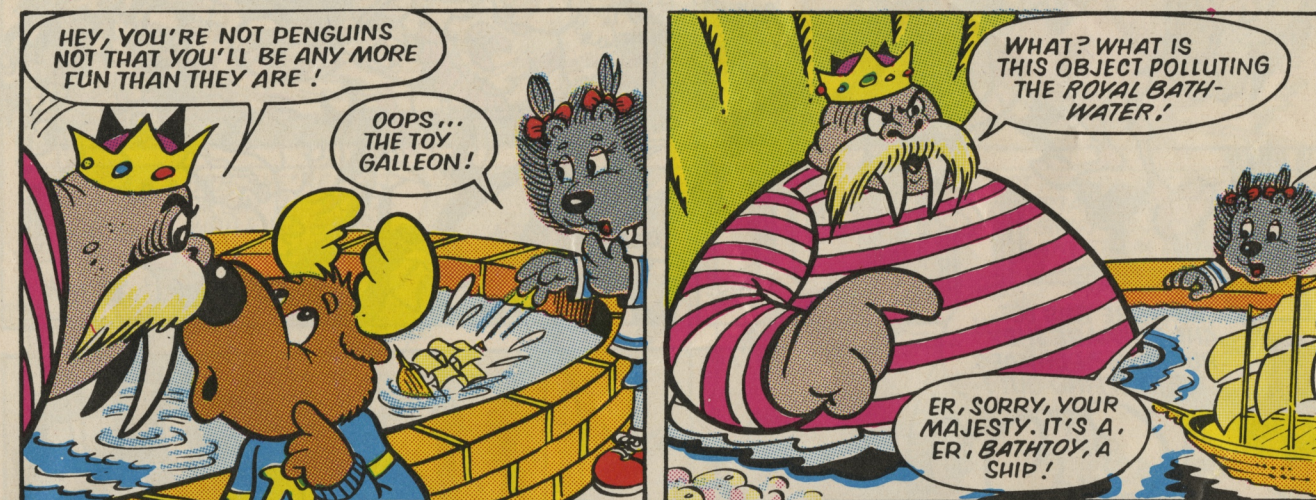
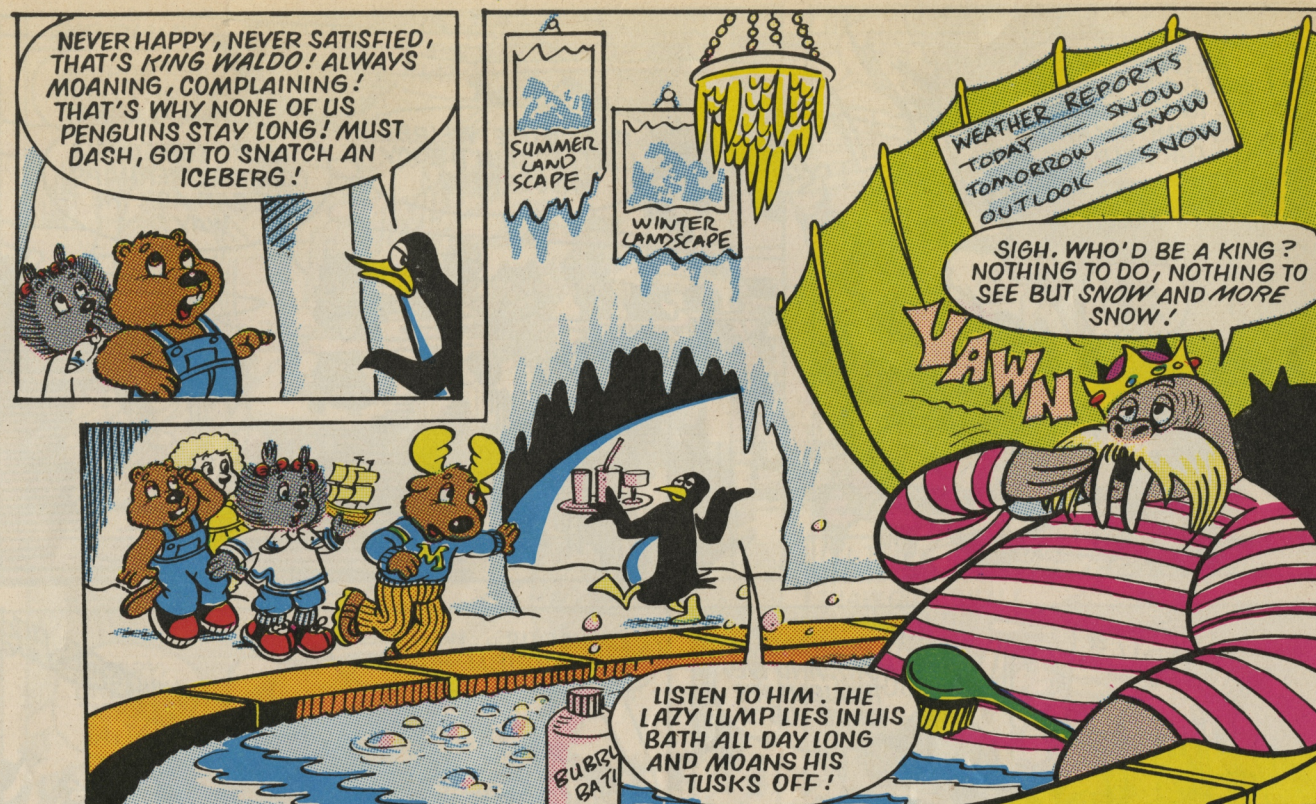
EXCUSE US... WE'RE IN A TERRIBLE HURRY
WHOOOSH!
EEK!



FIRST A GOLDEN GALLEON... NOW A PALACE OF ICE!

KING WALDO'S COURT

BORED! BORED! BORED! CAN NO-ONE DO ANYTHING AROUND HERE!



Next week: The start of the most exciting Get Along Gang adventure you've ever read!



Hi Kids!

Here's one of our favourite drinks for Christmas.

LIME SODA

1 small Banana
3 tablespoons Lime Cordial
1 Family Brick Ice Cream
Just under ½ pint Soda Water

Whip together Banana, Lime Cordial and ½ Ice Cream until smooth and frothy – ideally, use a liquidizer.

Pour into glasses, float some ice cream on top and fill glasses with Soda Water.

We think it's delicious – Hope you like it.

Montgomery Moose



JOIN OUR CLUB JOIN THE GANG!

Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think it's a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

LOOK WHAT YOU GET

During the year Montgomery Moose will send you newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.



FREE MINATURE Assorted Characters

A FUN CLUB FOR KIDS
COMPLETE AND POST NOW TO:

The GET ALONG GANG CLUB, Green Meadow, Diss Norfolk, IP22 3HH, U.K.
I enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club.
Please enrol my child as an official member:-

Miss/Master

Address:

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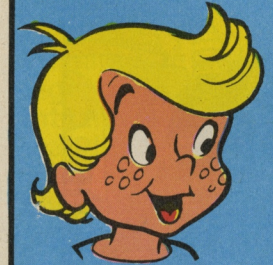
Parents' Signature

If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.

The secret life of...



Joey Jordan



Joey's mum



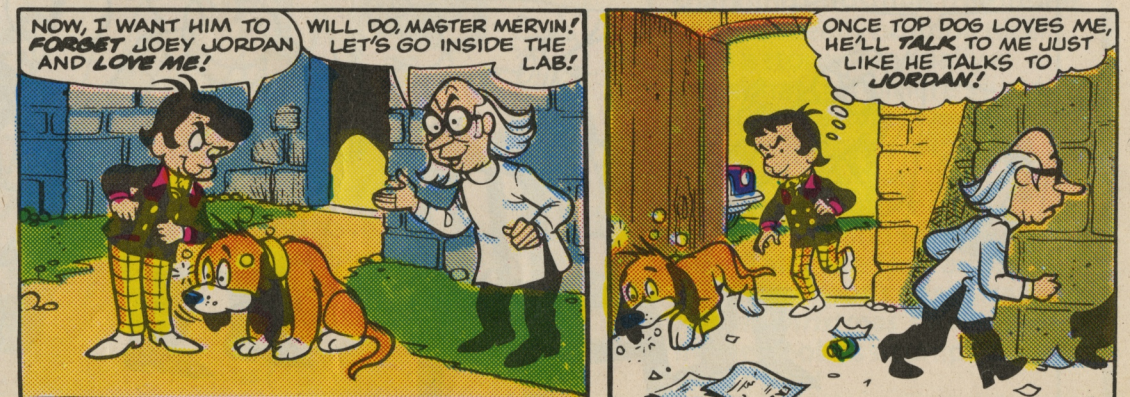
Joey's dad

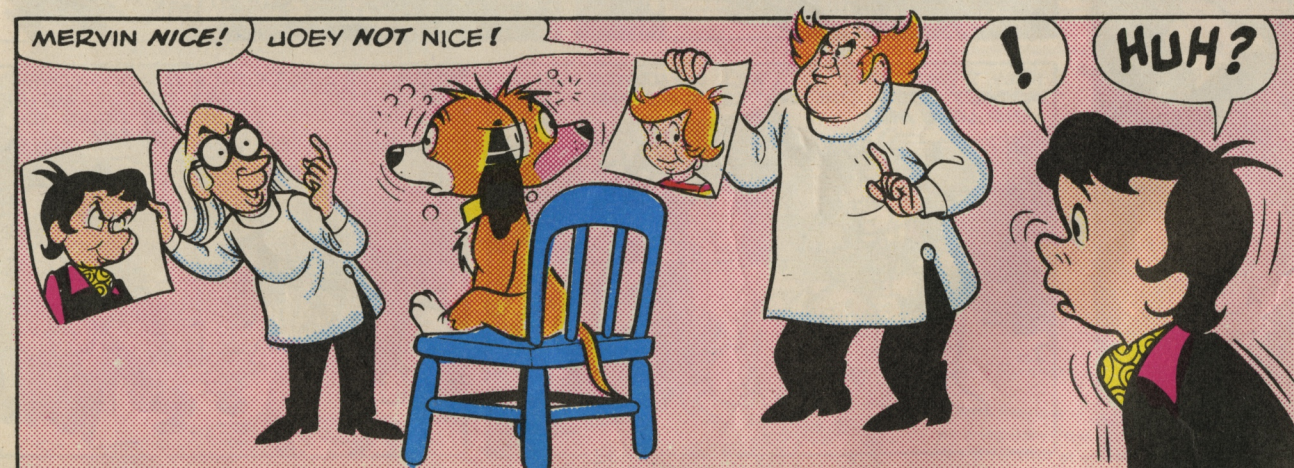
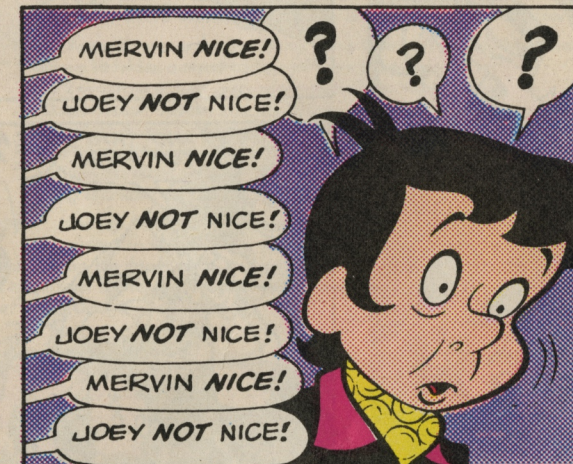
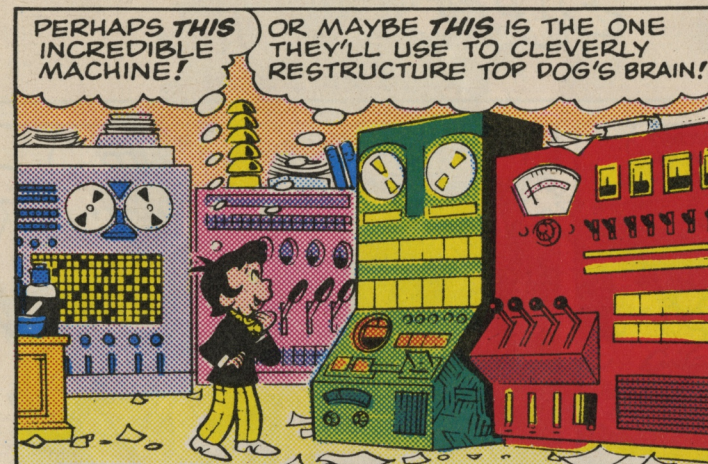
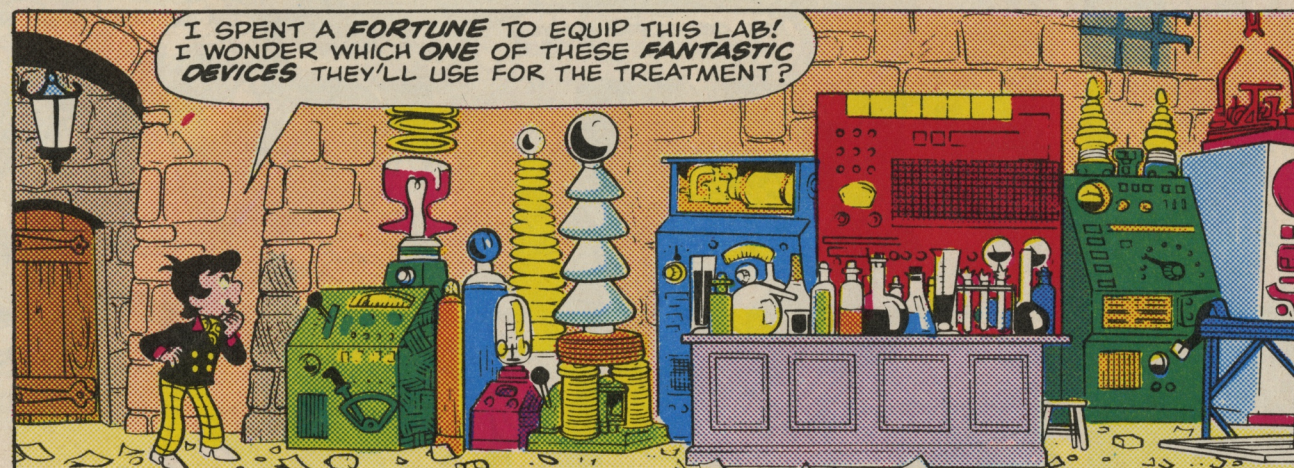
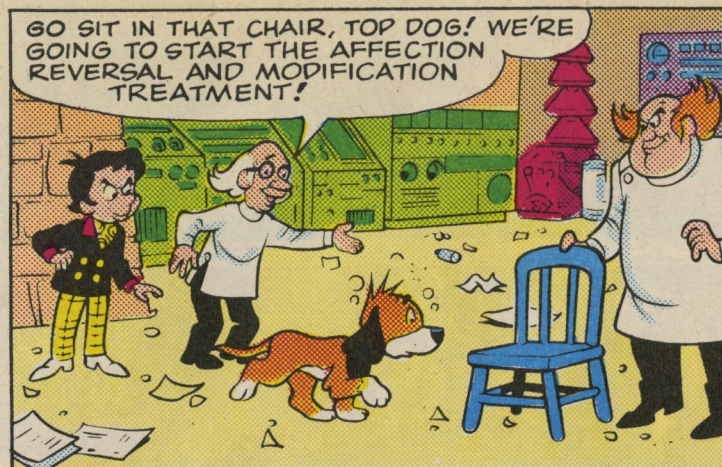


Lizzie Jordan

TOP DOG

Top Dog has been kidnapped by Frank and Stein, two crazy professors hired by rotten Mervin Megabucks!

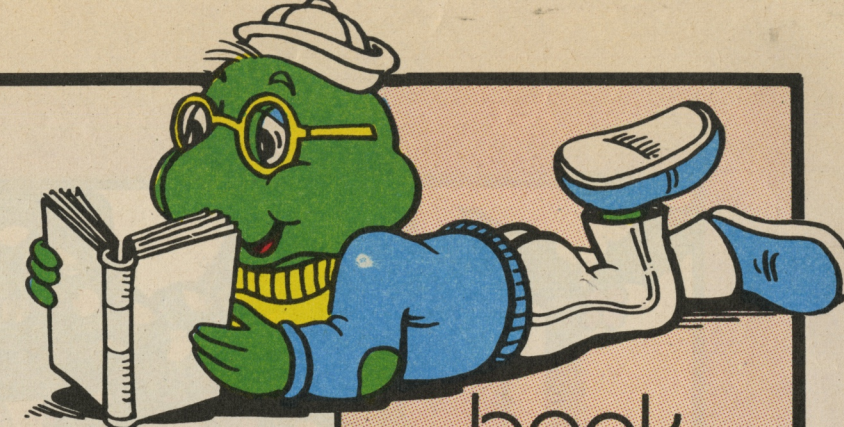




The Meaning of Names!

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Faith *Loyal and devoted.*

Farrah *Beautiful.*

Felicity *Great happiness.*

Fergus *Best choice.*

Fiona *White and pretty.* In Irish legend, **Fionnuala** was turned into a swan and condemned to wander the lakes of Ireland.

Flyn An old Gaelic name meaning *Son of the Red Haired Man.*

Frances *Free.* The name came from a race of German people called the Franks. They fought the Romans for their freedom. Also **Francesca**, **Frankie**, **Francoise**, **Francis**.

Fraser A name given to a charcoal maker which was a job a long time ago.

Frederick A name popular amongst German Kings meaning *wiser ruler.*

• A YOUNG PUFFIN •

Round the Christmas Tree

Edited by
Sara and Stephen Corrin



READ
ALoud

Round the Christmas Tree. Edited by Sara and Stephen Corrin. Published by Puffin Books. Price: £1.50.

Around this time of year, when it's cold and frosty outside, and warm and cosy around a sparkling Christmas tree inside – there's really nothing nicer than a story – especially a Christmas story! Here's just the book with a mixture of Christmas stories. Some of them are old, ones that maybe your grandmother once listened to – and some are new. Tales like *The Fairy Ship*, *Mrs Pepperpot's Christmas* and *Father Christmas's Clothes!* – all in one book as scrumptious as mince pies!

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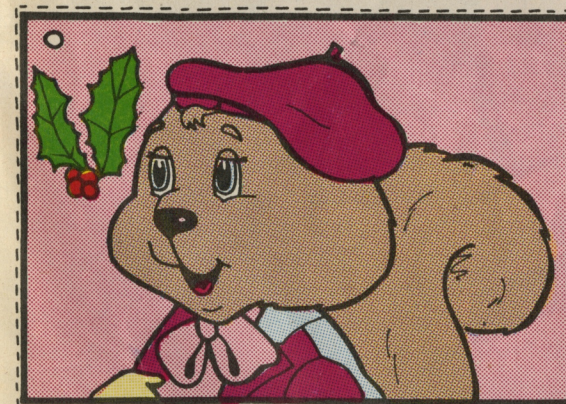
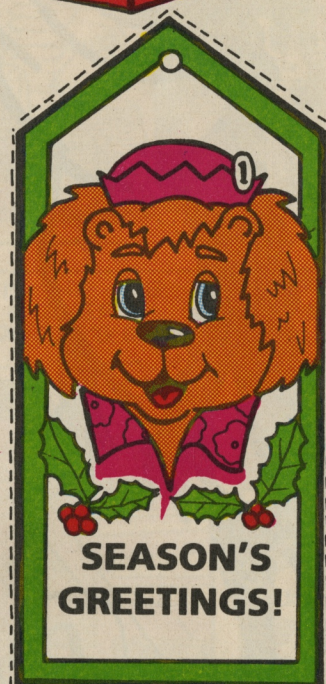
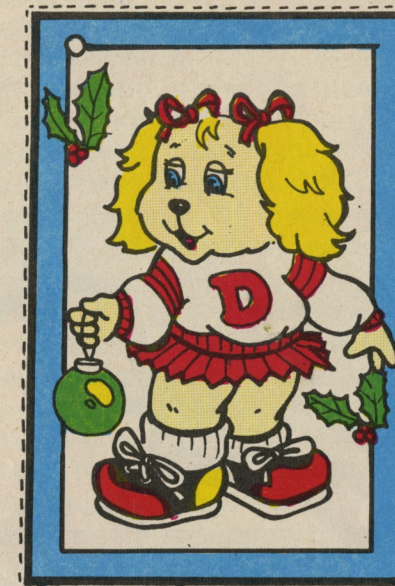
If you have an unusual name beginning with F that isn't mentioned here, and you would like to know what it means, why not write and ask us?

Cut out and Collect!



A PRESENT FOR YOU!

Here is a set of your very own Christmas Greeting Gift Tags! First stick this page on to white card. Then carefully cut along the dotted lines. Attach cotton thread through the holes and then stick them to your presents, writing your message on the other side!



PANTO ANTICS!

By John Gatehouse



"Now then, don't despair," said a kindly voice behind him. Montgomery turned to see a jolly-faced, white-bearded old man dressed in red hat, coat, trousers and black boots!

Miss Marmot gasped in surprise when she saw the mess the school stage was in. One pirate's costume was torn in half, others were covered in paint and a backdrop of a pirate's galleon ship had fallen over.

"Oh, no! The old folk arrive for their Christmas Eve panto soon," she cried. "What happened?"

The Gang looked guiltily towards their teacher. "I'm afraid we fell out," Montgomery admitted. "The girls were squabbling over who should paint the sets and knocked the paint-tin into the costume basket."

"Rocco and I fought over the pirate captain's costume," went on Rudyard. "And it, er, tore in half."

"The backdrop slipped out of our hands when Braker and I argued where it should go," explained Portia.

Miss Marmot glared at them crossly. "It was **your** idea to hold this panto and Christmas party at the school."

Dotty nodded. "There are a lot of old folk who are lonely at Christmas. They need someone to visit them or to put on a show to cheer them up. But everything's gone wrong."

"Please, Miss, give us another chance," pleaded Flora. "We'll all work together from now on."

Miss Marmot wasn't sure. "The panto's this afternoon. All the food for the party has arrived. You'll have to work jolly hard to be ready in time."

"**S**LUURRRRP! Look at all that grub!" Leland's mouth watered as he peered through the window into the school-hall where rows of tables had been laid out with party-food.

"Yeah, but we're not invited!" glowered Catchum. Then his face brightened. "C'mon, let's visit the caretaker's office. I know how to ruin their daft panto. . . and scoff the grub!"

"We should be ashamed, falling out at this time of year," Dotty told the others. "Let's start working **together** instead of fighting."

Encouraged by Dotty's cheerleader spirit, the Gang set to work. Lolly, Rudyard, Flora and Braker washed the paint off the costumes while Bernice sewed the pirate captain's costume together again. The others worked hard setting the backdrop in the right position.

"Finished" grinned Zipper triumphantly as he looked at the clean stage.

"And we've got time for lunch," said Bingo.

"Working makes me hungry."

"**Everything** makes you hungry!" the others laughed.

After the Gang had left, Catchum and Leland sneaked onto the stage carrying two large tins of wax. "Wax the stage floor," Catchum directed his friend. "The Gang **slipped up** when they didn't invite us to the party!"

The afternoon arrived and the Gang were feeling nervous as they peered from backstage at the audience filling the hall seats. "It's a full house," beamed Portia excitedly, dressed, as the others were, in a smart pirate's costume. "All to see our panto – **The Pirates Of Green Meadow.**"

Catchum and Leland had sneaked into the back of the hall near the food tables. "In a moment the Gang are going to look right twits," he sniggered.

"**YIPES! WHOOOOOOOOOPS!**" Zipper squealed as he ran on stage only to slide off the other end.

"**OOOOOH!** I c-can't s-stand up!" wailed Bernice, her feet slipping from under her.

"**EEEEEEK!**" **WHUMP!** Bingo and Woolma collided as they skated into each other.

"What's wrong with this silly floor? It's like an ice-skating rink!" cried Rudyard, before sliding into Braker, Rocco and Lolly, bowling them over.

Trying hard not to laugh, Catchum and Leland started tucking into the party-food. "The wax has made the stage so slippery the Gang can't keep their balance," Leland chortled, his mouth full of cake.

"And everyone's busy watching them. They haven't seen us scoffing the grub," Catchum grinned.

"**W**HOOOF! This is terrible!" groaned Montgomery, picking himself off the stage only to fall over again.

"Our panto's a disaster."

"Now then, don't despair," said a kindly voice behind him. Montgomery turned to see a jolly-faced, white-bearded old man dressed in a red hat, coat, trousers and black boots. "**SANTA!** What are you doing here?"

"I came to watch your panto before starting my deliveries. Luckily I did. I know who is to blame for your misfortunes." Santa pointed to where Catchum and Leland were standing. "I'll help you catch the pests," he grinned, and gave Montgomery a mighty push. Montgomery slid off the stage, into the air, and landed on top of Catchum, pushing his face into a plateful of green jelly. **SPLODGE!**

Miss Marmot looked angrily at Catchum and Leland. "You're in big trouble!" she snapped.

"But our panto's still ruined." Rocco looked upset.

"Ho! Ho! No, it isn't," chuckled Santa. "Look!" To the Gang's surprise, the audience were standing, cheering and clapping, calling "Encore! Encore!"

"Funniest panto I've ever seen," laughed one old bear. "Haven't laughed so much in years!"

"Working together has made our panto a success," said Flora as the Gang hurried back onto the stage to take their final bows. "Even if it didn't work out as planned."

THE GET ALONG GANG



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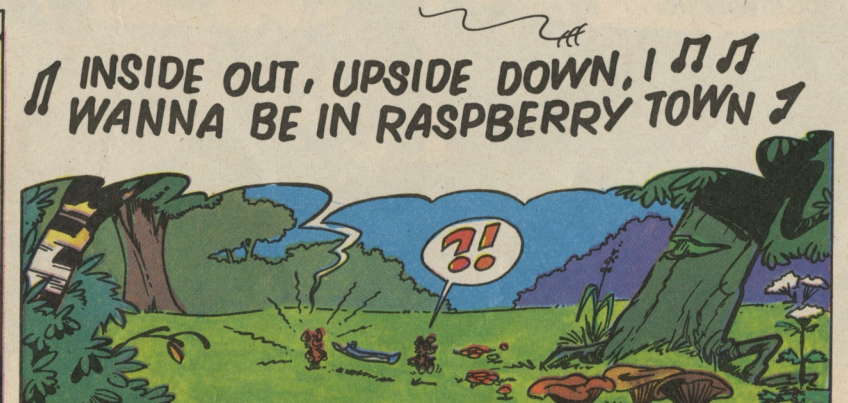
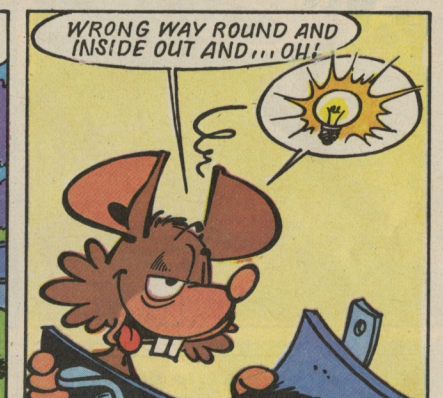
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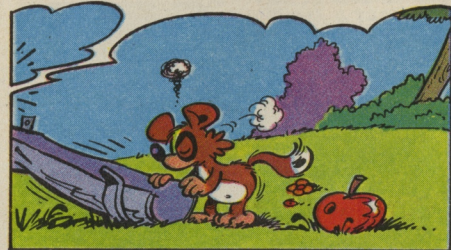
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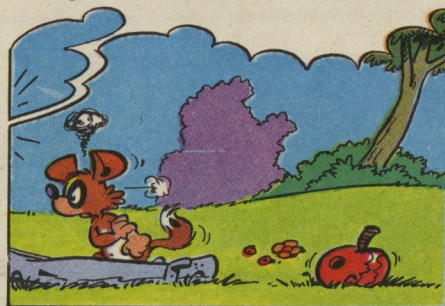


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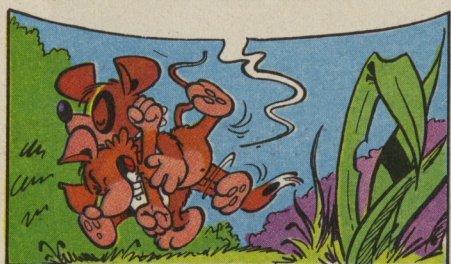
I'LL STRUGGLE DOWN...



OR SOMETHING LIKE TH-AT!?



LET ME GO! HELP! I'M BEING KIDNAPPED!



I PROMISE I WON'T SING ANYMORE! I... OH! HELP!

BIFF!

COOL OFF!



SPLASH!

SPAAGH!



HOW COULD YOU? YOU KNOW I HATE WATER!...

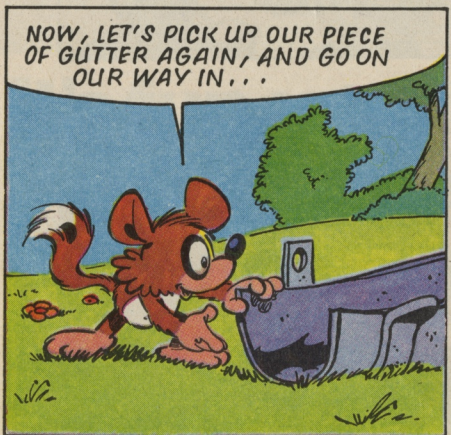


YOU MUST QUIETEN DOWN, DIGBY, OTHERWISE WE'LL BE GETTING COMPLAINTS!

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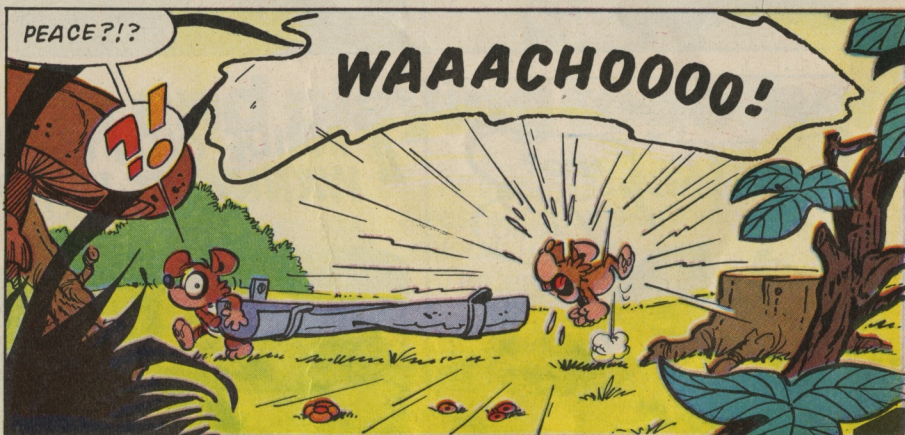


NOW, LET'S PICK UP OUR PIECE OF GUTTER AGAIN, AND GO ON OUR WAY IN...



PEACE?!?

WAAACHOOOO!



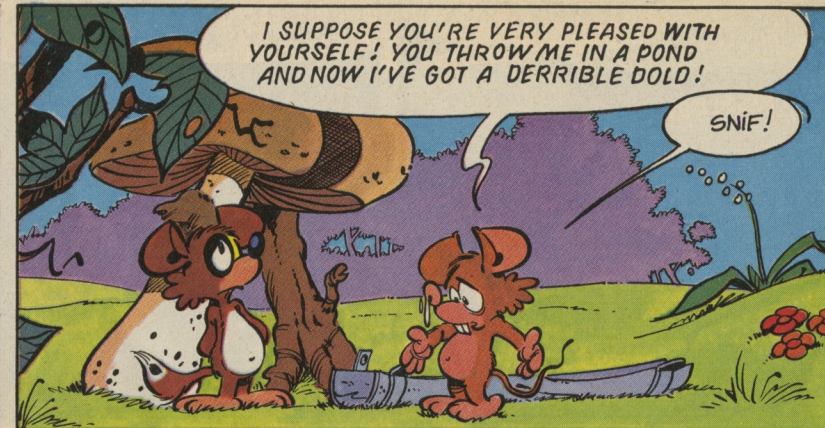
THE GUTTER SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT!

OH GREAT!



I SUPPOSE YOU'RE VERY PLEASED WITH YOURSELF! YOU THROW ME IN A POND AND NOW I'VE GOT A DERRIBLE COLD!

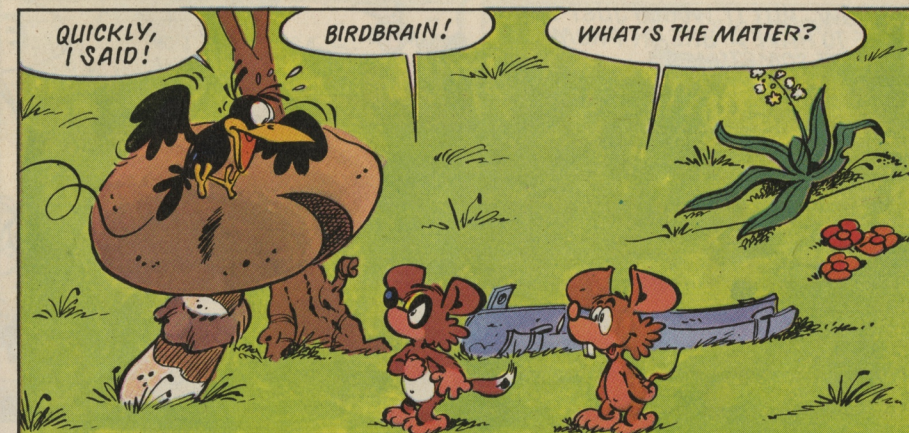
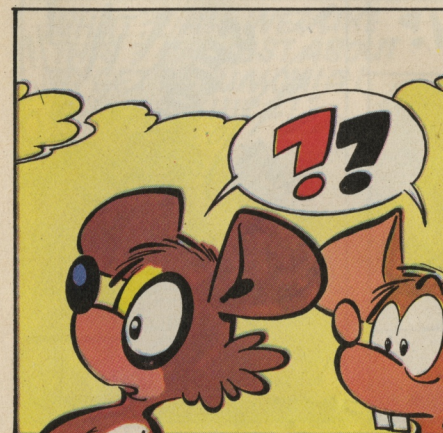
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QUICKLY, I SAID!

BIRDBRAIN!

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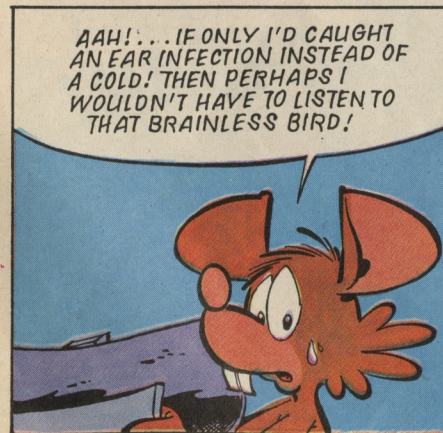
THEY'VE JUST PUT IN THE NEW SWIMMING POOL! IT'S FAN-TAS-TIC!



NOW AT LAST YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THE GREAT SWIMMING STYLE THAT'S MADE ME INTO A SUPER-CHAMPION! I'M SO GRACEFUL IN THE WATER I MAKE FISH BLUSH WITH SHAME! YES, I REMEMBER ONCE I PASSED THIS TROUT AND...



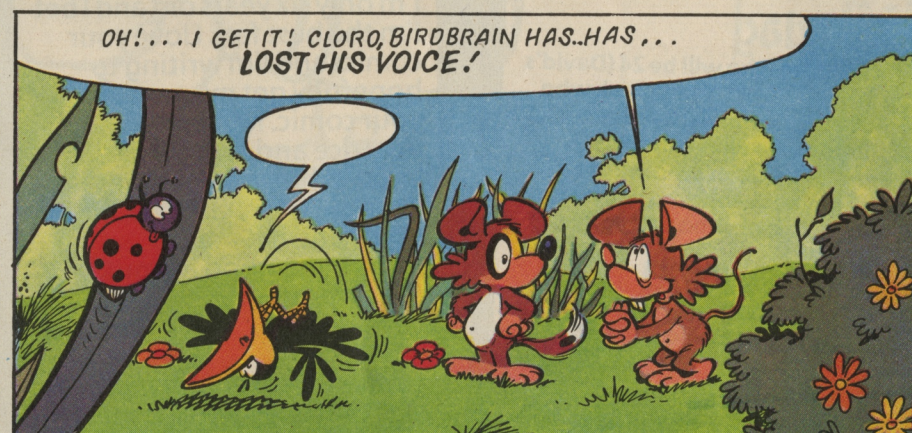
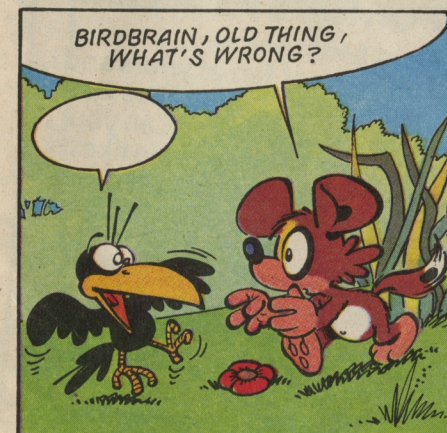
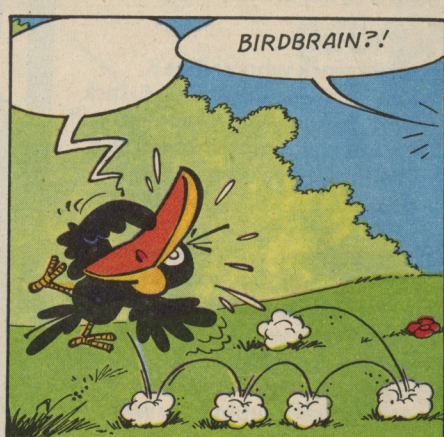
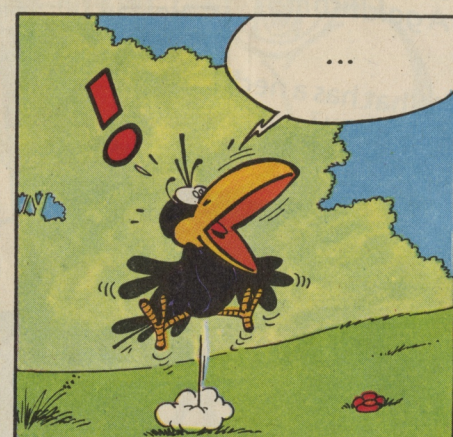
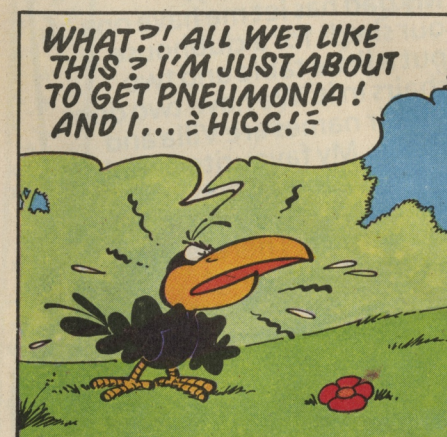
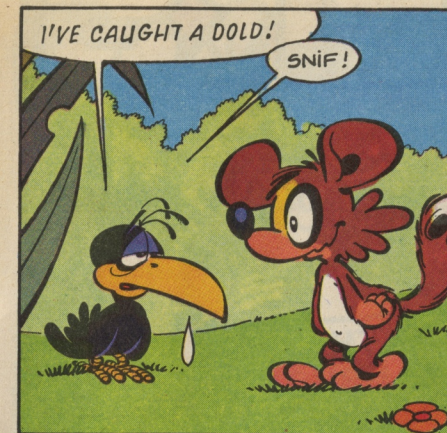
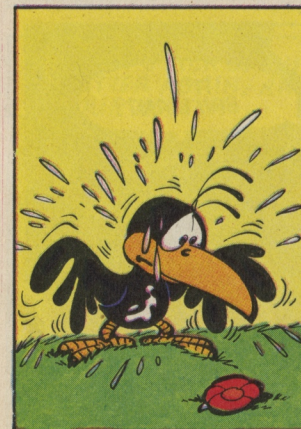
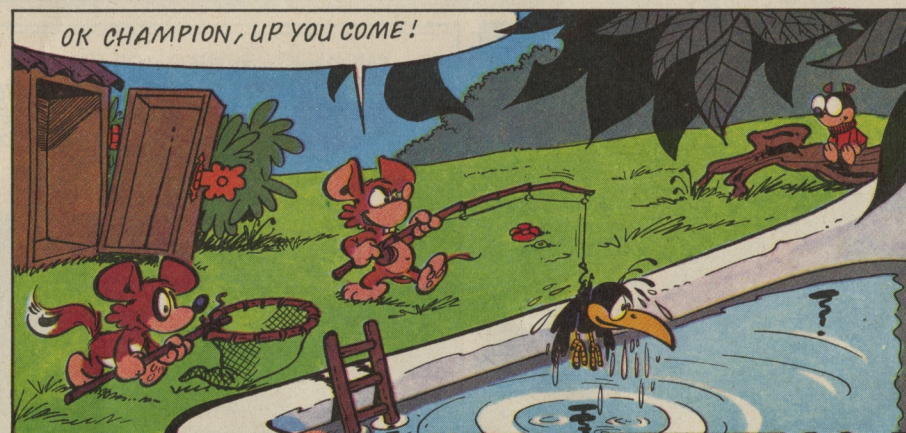
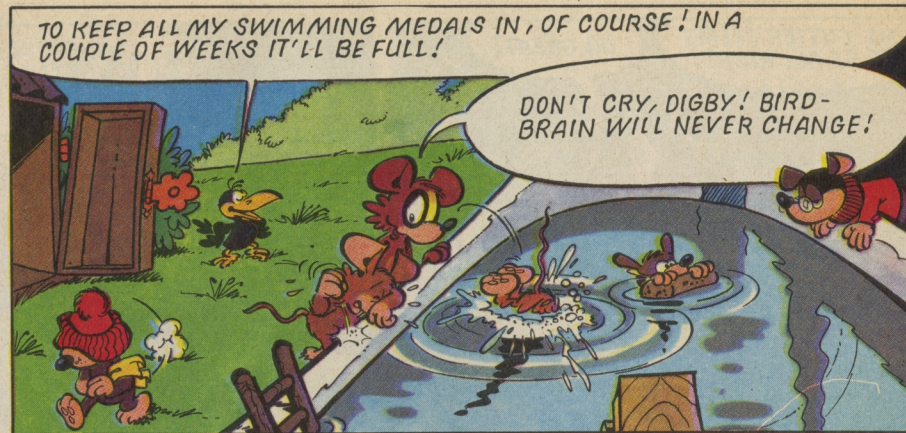
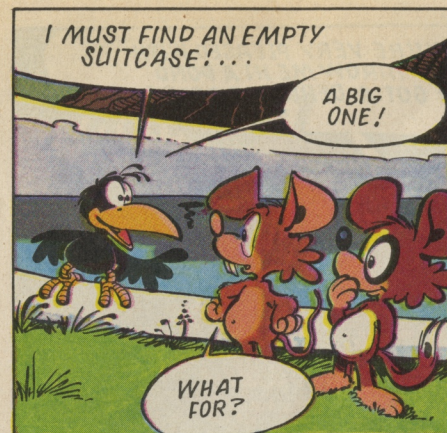
AAH!... IF ONLY I'D CAUGHT AN EAR INFECTION INSTEAD OF A COLD! THEN PERHAPS I WOULDN'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THAT BRAINLESS BIRD!



A BRICK, A CLOTHES PEG, TWO ELASTIC BANDS AND THERE WE ARE!... ISN'T IT A MASTERPIECE!

IT'S BRILLIANT!





BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

The Get Along Gang would like to wish the following readers a very happy birthday!

Saturday

Joanne Lewis who will be 10, Anita Poulton who will be 10, Andrew Wilkinson who will be 7, Alex Malloy who will be 5, Sarah Mills who will be 8, Christopher Newman who will be 7, Charlotte Harding who will be 3, Rachel Griffiths who will be 4, Teresa McGoldrick who will be 6 with a special belated returns to her brother Stephen.

Sunday

Laura Peacock who will be 8, Suzanne Lewis who will be 6, Jack Calvert, Shonah Marrinan who will be 8, Simon Hopper who will be 8 and Michelle Dye who will be 8.

Monday

Margaret Dixon who will be 9, Alistair Browning who will be 7, Martin Cleaver who will be 7, Paul Marshall who will be 7, James Torrance who will be 6, Kraig Dixon who will be 2, Nicola Walsh who will be 18, Kelly Sheridan who will be 7 and Stacy Price who will be 11.

Tuesday

Nick Baxter who will be 24 (David's Brother-in-Law), Tanya Peck who will be 11, Donna Schulz who will be 3, Roy Bowen who will be 43, Jennifer Runacres who will be 8, Leisa-Jayne Webb who will be 8 and Yvonne Joseph who will be 8.

Wednesday

Emma Jones who will be 9 and Natalie Yeaman who will be 6.

Thursday

James Maclean who will be 8, Gareth Bryant who will be 5, Judith Hampton who will be 7 and Daniele Blake who will be 8.

Friday

David Chan who will be 7, Richard Wright who will be 7 and Rebecca Parker who will be 8.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MENTION TO...

...Kerry-Jane Adam who will be 9 on Sunday. She has received a special present from the Smash Martian's Club who have sent her lots of party goodies!

BELATED MENTION TO...

...Jennifer Fletcher who was 34 on 20th December.

LETTERS

JOKES GALORE!

What is green with a trunk?
A sea-sick tourist!
Corrina Abbott.

If you have an umpire in cricket and a referee in rugby, what do you have in bowls?
A goldfish!
Nicholas Frei.

What has a neck but cannot swallow?
A bottle!
Tracy Whyte.

TO THE CLUBHOUSE!

KATHRYN'S CLUBHOUSE!

Dear Montgomery,
My dad has let me have one of our sheds for a clubhouse. I put a little table and two chairs in it. We have two dogs - their names are Villa and Sheba. My favourite people in the Get Along Gang are Montgomery, Bingo, Lolly and Bernice. There are five people in our gang!
Kathryn Squires.

CALLING ALL BEATRICES...

Dear Montgomery,
I'm only six years old and I bet I'm the best fan. I love your comics and I'm writing to hopefully get my name in your comic. My name is Beatrice and I would like to know what it means please, because I don't like it very much and if it means something good it would cheer me up.

Beatrice.

It means bearer of happiness and blessings and lots of beautiful and heroic ladies have been called Beatrice. We think that it is a lovely name - Portia has a favourite cousin called Beatrice!

PORTIA'S PROBLEM!

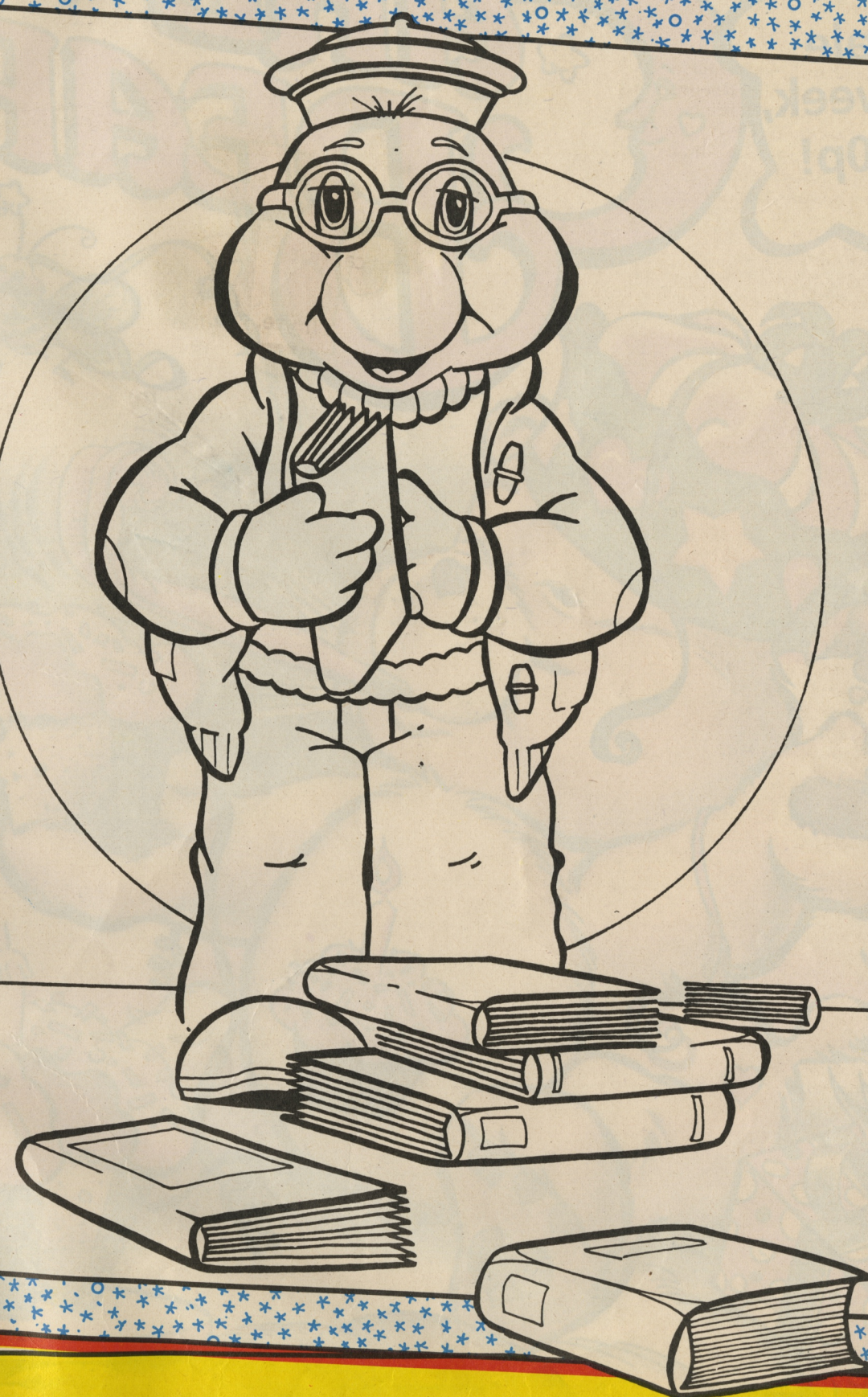
Dear Montgomery,
I am a great fan of yours and I never miss a copy of the Get Along Gang comic. Can you please ask Portia if she likes being the youngest member?
Elizabeth Hill.

Portia doesn't mind being the youngest member of the gang, in fact, she doesn't really think about it - she's too busy having fun!

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